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SUBJ: SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY: DUCKS IN A ROW, AGAIN

WE ARE STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF BREZHNEV'S
AUTHORITATIVE CONGRESS REPORT THE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN THE TROUBLE
TO REARTICULATE THEIR FOREIGN POLICY LINE IN DETAIL CONCERNING
FOUR MAJOR AREAS: U.S. - SOVIET RELATIONS (ARBATOV IN PRAVDA
APRIL 2), THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT (A SERIES, CUL-
MINATING IN ZAGLADIN IN PRAVDA APRIL 20), CHINA (I. ALEKSANDROV
IN PRAVDA APRIL 28) AND THE MIDDLE EAST (THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT
DECLARATION CARRIED IN PRAVDA APRIL 29). REASONS WHICH WOULD
EXPLAIN THE TIMING CAN BE FOUND IN EVERY AREA ("DETENTE" AS AN
ISSUE IN THE U.S. ELECTION; THE UPCOMING ECPC EDITORIAL COMMISS-
ION MEETING; CHINESE POLITICAL TURMOIL; AND UNDOF
RENEWAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST). BUT IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT IN
SUM THEY AMOUNT TO RESTATEMENT OF MOSCOW'S FOREIGN POLICY
LINE IN THE FOUR CURRENT MAJOR ARENAS OF SOVIET INTENSE
INTEREST. IN EVERY CASE, THE LINE IS IMPRESSIVELY
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CONCILIATORY, SOMETIMES IN SUBSTANCE, CERTAINLY IN TONE, AS

IF THE SOVIETS WISHED TO PUT THEIR "CONSISTENT AND PRINCIPLED"
GOODWILL FIRMLY ON RECORD.
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